

LOYALTY

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Rees Subcommittee continued hearings on H. R. 3588, Federal Employees' Loyalty Act of 1947, and heard James B. Burns, president, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL; Luther Steward, president, American Federation of Federal Employees; Howard J. Ennis, board member, American Civil Liberties Union; Martin Popper, national vice president, National Lawyers Guild; and Samuel H. Jaffee, American Jewish Congress.

RECLAMATION

Committee on Public Lands: Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation met in executive session on H. R. 2873, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939.

FLOOD CONTROL

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Flood Control held open hearing on H. R. 3146, to amend section 3 of the Flood Control Act, approved August 28, 1937, and heard Representatives Wilson and Whittington; Col. John L. Persons, Corps of Engineers; George Phillips, Office of Secretary of Agriculture; and Homer Wells, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, all of whom testified in favor of the legislation. Subcommittee, in executive session, ordered the bill favorably reported to the full committee.

TAX REVISION

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on general tax revision and heard Clarence E. Bush,

National Office Machine Dealers Association, Washington, D. C.; Edward J. Toussaint, National Stationery Association (office outfitters), Washington, D. C.; Lawrence Callaghan, vice president, Todd Corp., Rochester, N. Y.; Joseph Gerl, president, Radio Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C.; Donald C. Beelar, Aeronautical Radio, Inc., Washington, D. C.; and Maurice Paul, vice president, Philco Radio Corp., Philadelphia, Pa., all of whom recommended revisions of excise taxes. Hearings will continue next week.

Following an executive session, announcement was made of hearings to begin on June 17 on community property and family partnerships.

REPORT ON JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RENT CONTROL

Conferees on H. R. 3203, to extend rent control, after an executive session announced following agreements: To retain the local board provision of the Senate; to eliminate the provision transferring rent control to the States; and that the Housing Expediter administer the rent-control program. Conferees continue Wednesday.

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(*New Law*)

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S. 565, relating to the taking of trial pieces of coins. Signed June 5, 1947 (P. L. 87).

Monday, June 9, 1947

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated the carrier agreements bill; House passed revenue raising measure for the District of Columbia.

Thirty-one reclamation, public lands, interstate oil compact, and private bills approved by Senate committees.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1403-S. 1407. Pages 6584-6585

Bills Reported: Bills were reported as follows:

S. 30, to issue patents to certain settlers in Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, Nevada (S. Rept. 244);

S. 686, to construct public school in Owyhee, Nev. (S. Rept. 245); and

Four private relief bills: S. 1360, H. R. 1221, 1482, and 1514 (S. Repts. 246-249, respectively).

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Carrier Agreements: Senate opened debate on S. 110, amending the Interstate Commerce Act relative to agreements between carriers. Pages 6588-6620

Veterans' Administration: House amendments to S. J. Res. 115, Veterans' Administration facilities in the Philippines, were agreed to, clearing the bill for the President. Page 6620

Nominations: The following nominations were received: Norman Armour, to be Assistant Secretary of State; David Chavez, Jr., to be United States district judge in Puerto Rico; together with five appointments in the Diplomatic and Foreign Service, and seven in the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

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Reports on Committee Meetings

STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 3311, State, Justice, Commerce appropriations bill, heard testimony from Robert Ramspeck, Air Transportation Association; Representatives Hébert and Cole (Mo.); and a representative of the N. Y. Port Authority. The committee also met on Saturday, June 7.

Subcommittee hearings have been tentatively set for H. R. 3493, Navy Department appropriations bill, June 11, and H. R. 3601, Agriculture Department appropriations bill, June 12.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on H. R. 3123, Interior Department appropriation bill, continued "marking up" the bill.

HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS

Committee on Banking and Currency: In public hearings on S. 1293, to enable the Veterans' Administration to provide housing units for certain disabled veterans, the committee received a letter from Administrator Bradley, setting forth the inability of the VA to recommend the bill, and heard supporting testimony from J. J. Rockefeller and Ray Bland of the VA. Testifying in support of the legislation were Bernard E. Shufelt and wife, Paralyzed Veterans Association, William C. Elsworth and wife, and Edwin Kircher, all of the McGuire Hospital, Richmond, Va.; and Robert Moss and wife, Paralyzed Veterans Association, Halloran Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. Harold Sleeper, president, New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, also testified.

GOVERNMENT CAFETERIAS

Committee on Civil Service: Subcommittee continued investigation of cafeterias in Federal buildings. Full committee meets tomorrow.

NURSERY BILL

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on June 7 heard opposition testimony on S. 751, D. C. child nursery bill, from Commissioner Guy Mason; Raymond F. Clapp, director, Board of Public Welfare; Lucille Lewis, superintendent, Child Day Care Centers; and John Ihlder, National Capital Housing Authority. Gladys Cook, president, Board of Child Day Care Centers, testified in favor of the proposal.

OIL AGREEMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Ralph Davies, special consultant to the Department of Interior; and Col. G. Vogel, Army-Navy Petroleum Board, testified in favor of Anglo-American oil agreements (Executive H, 79th). Russell Brown, Independent Petroleum Associates, and Benjamin Marsh, People's Lobby, appeared in opposition. Hearings adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

OIL COMPACTS, DISTRICT JUDGE, AND PRIVATE BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: The nomination of Harold R. Medina, to be United States district judge for the southern district of N. Y., was reported favorably; S. J. Res. 122, granting congressional consent to an interstate oil compact to conserve oil and gas, and six private immigration and claims bills (H. R. 925, 651, 1221, 1482, 1514, and S. 1360) were also approved.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Education in executive session ordered reported to the full committee, with amendments, S. 472, to authorize Federal aid to States in financing their public elementary and secondary school systems.

VETERANS

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: in morning session, Veterans' Subcommittee heard Representative Wheeler, officials of the Veterans' Administration, and representatives of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars testify on H. R. 2181, to include "institutional on-farm training" in the education and training program for veterans.

In afternoon session, officials of Army and Navy testified as to the effect S. 1392, to prescribe termination dates of accrual rights of veterans for vocational rehabilitation, and for education, training, guarantee of loans, and readjustment allowances under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, would have on their recruitment programs.

Subcommittee continues hearings on H. R. 2181 tomorrow morning, and meets in executive session on veterans' subsistence bills in afternoon.

RECLAMATION AND PUBLIC LANDS BILLS REPORTED

Committee on Public Lands: In executive session, committee approved 25 bills as follows: S. 483, to relocate boundaries and reduce area of Gila Federal reclamation project, with perfecting amendments; H. R. 3197, relative to construction of Mancos project; H. R. 3143, to construct Paonia Federal reclamation project, Colo.; H. R. 3151, to give certain water and land rights to Las Vegas, Nev.; H. R. 1628, to give certain land rights to Illinois; H. R. 2207, to convey lands to Shiloh National Military Park, Tenn.; H. R. 2852, to add lands to Otter Creek Rec-

reational Demonstration Area, Kentucky; S. 686, to construct public school in Owyhee, Nev., amended; H. R. 174, to make possible exploration and mining of gold and other metals in streams of Alaska; H. R. 2369, to suspend annual assessment work on mining claims in Alaska; S. 30, to issue patents to certain settlers in Pyramid Lake

Indian Reservation, Nevada; S. 1317, to give members of Crow Tribe power to manage restricted lands; H. R. 3348, relative to construction of Coachella Division of All-American Canal irrigation project; and 12 private bills issuing land patents (S. 310-S. 313, S. 402, S. 403, S. 499, S. 500, S. 542, S. 608, S. 713, and S. 714).

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eighteen public bills, H. R. 3756-3773; four private bills, H. R. 3774-3777; and two resolutions, H. J. Res. 213 and 214, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Bills were reported as follows:

H. R. 3756, Government corporations appropriation bill for 1948 (H. Rept. 544);

H. R. 553, for relief of Arsenio Acacio Lewis (H. Rept. 545);

H. R. 1486, authorizing Secretary of the Interior to issue to Alice Scott White a patent in fee to certain land (H. Rept. 546);

H. R. 2151, authorizing Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Erle E. Howe (H. Rept. 547);

H. R. 3106, amending U. S. Geological Survey Organic Act by incorporating therein substantive provisions confirming exercise of long-continued duties and redefining their geographic scope (H. Rept. 548);

H. R. 2878, amending act (45 Stat. 602), as amended, to revise census roll of California Indians provided for therein (H. Rept. 549);

H. R. 3022, promoting mining of coal, phosphate, sodium, potassium, oil, oil shale, gas, and sulfur on lands acquired by the United States (H. Rept. 550); and

S. 1230 amend National Housing Act, relating to time extension of authority of FHA to insure home renovation and modernization loans under the act (H. Rept. 551).

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Right-of-Way: Agreed to Senate amendment to H. R. 1288, granting a private right-of-way to Roscoe L. Wood, by authority of the Secretary of the Interior, thus clearing the bill for President's signature.

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District of Columbia

Life Insurance: Passed H. R. 1634, amending act to regulate D. C. life-insurance regulations, relating to use to mortality tables.

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Taxation: Passed and sent to the Senate H. R. 3737, amending income-tax law and raising additional revenue for the District of Columbia. Defeated an amendment to impose a 2-percent sales tax and a motion to recommit, with instructions to increase the revenue, offered by Representative Horan. Besides sundry com-

mittee amendments which were adopted, an amendment proposed by Representative O'Hara, to exempt Federal employees having State domiciles from the income tax, was also adopted.

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Reports on Committee Meetings

FARM PROGRAM—POTATOES

Committee on Agriculture: June 7, continued hearings on long-range farm program and heard Chester C. Davis, president, Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, and vice chairman of the research and policy committee of the Committee for Economic Development.

June 9, Subcommittee on Food and Agricultural Production considered H. Res. 166, relating to the potato surplus, and heard Representative Shafer; Jack Schafer, president, Peter Pan Bakeries, Detroit, Mich.; Orville D. Judd, chairman, Virginia State Restaurant Association, Richmond, Va.; Edward Kepeltka, baking technologist, Siebel Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.; Kris Bemis, potato division, United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association; and S. R. Smith, director, fruit and vegetable branch, Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture.

MILITARY

Committee on Armed Services: Personnel Subcommittee met in executive session for further consideration of H. R. 2536 and H. R. 2537, Army and Navy promotion bills.

Retirement Subcommittee met in executive session for further consideration of various retirement bills. Meeting continues tomorrow.

Pay and Administration Subcommittee met in executive session for further consideration of H. R. 3174 and H. R. 3254, pay increase for doctors.

Posts and Stations Subcommittee held hearings on H. R. 3314, Navy public works bill, and heard Adm. D. C. Ramsey, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Adm. J. J. Manning, USN, Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks; Rear Adm. J. L. Holloway, USN, Superintendent, USNA; Vice Adm. D. B. Duncan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air; Capt. Thomas F. Darden, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel; Vice Adm. Earle W. Mills, USN, Chief Bureau of Ships; Capt. David R. Hull, USN, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Ships;

and Capt. Colby G. Rucker, USN, Overseas Planner, Naval Operations; all of whom testified favorably. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

SUGAR

Committee on Banking and Currency: June 7, held hearings on H. R. 3312 and H. R. 3388, to discontinue sugar allocation and control for home consumption, and heard Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and Sugar Director James H. Marshall, who testified in favor of continued allocation and controls; and Representative Crawford, who testified in favor of releasing controls for household use.

June 9, continued hearings on these bills and heard Senator McCarthy, who testified in favor of releasing controls for home consumption and especially for canning purposes.

REORGANIZATION (HOUSING)

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments: Held hearings on Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1947 and heard Frederick J. Lawton, Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, who testified in favor of the President's Plan No. 3; and George W. West, president, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Atlanta, Ga., who testified in opposition to the President's Plan No. 3.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met in executive session to continue consideration of National Science Foundation legislation.

JUDICIAL

Committee on the Judiciary: June 7, Subcommittee No. 3 ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 2966, relating to Coast Guard commissioned officers presiding at the taking of certain evidence; and H. R. 1391, amending provisions relating to the oath of Speaker, Members, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, with amendment.

June 9, Subcommittee No. 1 heard Representative Lea in support of resolutions proposing to amend the Constitution with respect to election of President and Vice President.

Subcommittee on Patents, Trade-Marks, and Copyrights continued public hearings on H. R. 1269, H. R. 1270, and H. R. 2570, regarding entertainment copyrights, and heard Representative Bloom; Fred Ahlert, representing Songwriters Protective Association; Don Petty, general counsel, National Association of Broadcasters; Maurice Speiser, National Association of Performing Artists; Herman Finkelstein, counsel, ASCAP; and John Schulman, Songwriters Protective Association.

SEAMEN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Ship Construction and Operation and Maritime Labor continued hearings on H. R. 476, to

extend certain benefits to merchant seamen, and heard Admiral Emory S. Land, former Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission; and Wm. McCauley, Director, Employees Compensation Commission.

RETIREMENT

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Retirement held hearings on H. R. 3232, Civil Service Retirement bill, and heard Warren Irons, Chief, Retirement Division, Civil Service Commission; and Russell R. Reagh, Board of Actuaries, Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

ALASKA HOMESTEAD—SYNTHETIC FUELS

Committee on Public Lands: June 7, Subcommittee on Public Lands held hearings on H. R. 868 and H. R. 1548, homesteading in Alaska by veterans, and heard F. B. Wagner, of Wrangel, Alaska, who testified against certain features of the bills; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon; Assistant Chief Forester C. M. Granger; Regional Forester in Alaska Frank Heintzman; O. S. Aamodt; and Robert K. Coop, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Land Planning, Bureau of Land Management.

Subcommittee on Indian Affairs ordered favorably reported to the full committee H. R. 2361, to clear up the legal status of a treaty with the Delaware Indians.

June 9, Subcommittee on Mines and Mining held hearings on various bills and heard Jacob M. Wasserman, Chief Counsel, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, who testified on H. R. 2867 and H. R. 2186; and Dr. W. C. Schroeder, Chief, Fields and Explosive Branch, Bureau of Mines, who gave a detailed account of the work being carried on in synthetic fuels, and testified in favor of H. R. 2161, operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil, shale, etc. Subcommittee ordered H. R. 2161 favorably reported to the full committee.

POWER PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Resumed hearings on H. R. 3036, transfer of jurisdiction over certain power projects and transmission lines, and heard Richard L. Arnold, general counsel, Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.; and N. T. Veatch, consulting engineer, Kansas City, Mo., both of whom testified in favor of the bill. Hearings will continue tomorrow.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

(New Laws)

(For last listing of public laws, see p. D246)

S. 583, to exchange lands for Silver Creek recreational demonstration project, Oregon. Signed June 9, 1947 (P. L. 88);

S. 993, reincorporation of the Export-Import Bank. Signed June 9, 1947 (P. L. 89); and

S. 1022, to authorize adequate White House Police Force. Signed June 9, 1947 (P. L. 90).